

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :

-against- :

CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE  
A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE  
JUDGE ON A FELONY PLEA  
ALLOCATION.

Leo Pantoja-Melendez Defendant. :

DOCKET NO. 08 Cr. 176 (RWS)  
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The undersigned defendant, advised by his or her undersigned attorney, consents to a United States Magistrate Judge presiding over the proceedings required by Rule 11, Fed. R. Crim. P., for me to enter a plea of guilty in my case, or to change my plea, if one has been previously made, from not guilty to guilty. I understand that if my plea is accepted, my sentencing will take place before the United States District Judge who is assigned, or who is to be assigned, to my case.

I understand that I have the absolute right to insist that all Rule 11 proceedings be conducted before an Article III Judge, and hereby represent and confirm to the Magistrate Judge that no threats or promises, or other improper inducements, have been made to cause me to consent to this procedure, and that I do so voluntarily.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have executed this consent this 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of April, 2008 at New York, New York.

x Leo Pantoja-Melendez  
Defendant

x Fiona Doherty  
Attorney for Defendant

Accepted by:

James C. Zimut II  
United States Magistrate Judge

